

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-91. (previously canceled, without prejudice)

92. (presently amended) A multi-functional hand tool comprising:

at least one interchangeable tool bit member comprising a hexagonal body and a double ended drive bit, opposed pliers jaws, first and second elongated handles having oppositely disposed first and second ends,

said pliers jaws being operably disposed at said first ends, said first handle having opposed sides forming an elongated cavity,

a bladed tool, and means for pivotably connecting the bladed tool to the first handle adjacent the first handle second end,

a sleeve comprising a one-piece unitary construction formed with a circumferential tubular body[,] ~~said tubular body being formed with a wing member extending away from the outside of the circumferential tubular body~~[,] having a closed-end and an open end,

said open end being formed with a hexagonal cavity for removably operably holding said tool bit member,

said tool bit member being dispose[d]able in said sleeve open end, and

means for pivotably fixedly connecting the sleeve adjacent closed end to the first handle adjacent the first handle second end so that the sleeve is non-removable, whereby the sleeve and the tool bit member are pivoted from an operable position disposed away from the first handle to an inoperable position disposed in the first handle cavity so that the sleeve and tool bit are inoperably stowed in the first handle without having to remove and separately stow the tool bit member or sleeve outside the pliers first handle cavity thereby permitting ready alternate pliers or tool bit drive use.

93. (previously canceled, without prejudice)

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1 95. (previously presented) The multifunctional hand tool of claim 92, said tubular body having an outer
2 surface, said sleeve closed-end having a flat end wall portion, said flat end wall portion extending to the
3 tubular body outer surface.

96. (previously canceled, without prejudice)

1 97. (presently amended) The multi-functional hand tool of claim 92, said tool bit member comprising
2 a double-ended tool bit, said double-ended tool bit being disposed between said first handle sides with said
3 sleeve disposed in said inoperable position.

98. (previously canceled, without prejudice)

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101. (previously canceled, without prejudice).

102. (new) A multi-functional hand tool comprising:

1 at least one interchangeable tool bit member comprising a hexagonal body and a drive bit, opposed
2 pliers jaws, first and second elongated handles having oppositely disposed first and second ends,
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4 said pliers jaws being operably disposed at said first ends,

5 said first handle having opposed sides forming an elongated cavity, a bladed tool, and means for
6 pivotably connecting the bladed tool to the first handle adjacent the first handle second end,

7 a sleeve comprising a one-piece unitary construction formed with a cylindrical tubular body having
8 a closed-end and an open end,

9 said open end being formed with a hexagonal cavity extending to the closed end for removably
10 operably holding said tool bit member,

11 said tool bit member being disposable in said sleeve open end,

12 means for pivotably fixedly connecting the sleeve adjacent said closed end to the first handle
13 adjacent the first handle second end so that the sleeve is non-removable, whereby the sleeve and the tool
14 bit member are pivoted from an operable position disposed away from the first handle to an inoperable

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15 position disposed in the first handle cavity so that the sleeve and tool bit are inoperably stowed in the first
16 handle without having to remove and separately stow the tool bit member or sleeve outside the pliers first
17 handle cavity, and said means for pivotably fixedly connecting the sleeve and said sleeve being formed to
18 transmit torque to the tool bit member during use, thereby permitting ready alternate pliers or tool bit drive
19 use, and

20 said cylindrical tubular body being formed with a wing member having oppositely disposed flat
21 surfaces extending away from the outside of the tubular body.

1 103. (New) A multi-functional hand tool comprising:

2 at least one interchangeable tool bit member comprising a hexagonal body and a double ended
3 drive bit, opposed pliers jaws, first and second elongated handles having oppositely disposed first and
4 second ends,

5 said pliers jaws being operably disposed at said first ends,

6 said first handle having opposed sides forming an elongated cavity,

7 a sleeve comprising a one-piece unitary construction formed with a cylindrical tubular body having
8 a closed-end and an open end,

9 said open end being formed with a hexagonal cavity extending to the closed end for removably
10 operably holding said tool bit member,

11 said tool bit member being disposable in said sleeve open end, and

12 means for pivotably fixedly connecting the sleeve adjacent said closed end to the first handle
13 adjacent the first handle second end so that the sleeve is non-removable, whereby the sleeve and the tool
14 bit member are pivoted from an operable position disposed away from the first handle to an inoperable
15 position disposed in the first handle cavity so that the sleeve and tool bit are inoperably stowed in the first
16 handle without having to remove and separately stow the tool bit member or sleeve outside the pliers first
17 handle cavity, and said means for pivotably fixedly connecting the sleeve and said sleeve being formed to
18 transmit torque to the tool bit member during use, thereby permitting ready alternate pliers or tool bit drive

19 use.

104. (New) A multi-functional hand tool, according to claim 92, wherein:

said sleeve has a central axis;

said open end forming an annular bounding surface, said annular surface being disposed in a plane;

and

said plane being perpendicularly disposed to said sleeve central axis, whereby said tubular body and said sleeve provides a uniform torque transfer to said tool bit member during said use.

105. (New) A multi-functional hand tool, according to claim 102, wherein:

said sleeve has a central axis;

said open end forming an annular bounding surface, said annular surface being disposed in a plane;

and

said plane being perpendicularly disposed to said sleeve central axis, whereby said tubular body and said sleeve provides a uniform torque transfer to said tool bit member during said use.

106. (New) A multi-functional hand tool, according to claim 103, wherein:

said sleeve has a central axis;

said open end forming an annular bounding surface, said annular surface being disposed in a plane;

and

said plane being perpendicularly disposed to said sleeve central axis, whereby said tubular body and said sleeve provides a uniform torque transfer to said tool bit member during said use.
